

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with E. Russell Tarleton (Reg. No. 31,800) on 9/25/2009.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 4:

- Line 6: Changed "circuit for providing" to – circuit providing –.

Claim 6:

- Line 13: Changed "stage for comparing" to – stage comparing –.

Claim 10:

- Line 6: Changed "circuit for providing" to – circuit providing –.

Claim 12:

- Line 13: Changed "stage for comparing" to – stage comparing –.

Claim 16:

- Line 6: Changed "circuit for providing" to – circuit providing –.

Claim 17:

- Line 8: Changed "circuit configured to generate" to – circuit that generates –.

Claim 18:

- Line 13: Changed "stage for comparing" to – stage comparing –.

Claim 22:

- Line 6: Changed "circuit for providing" to – circuit providing –.

Claim 23:

- Line 8: Changed "circuit configured to generate" to – circuit that generates –.

Claim 24:

- Line 13: Changed "stage for comparing" to – stage comparing –.

Conclusion

The claims are NOT being allowed as part of this paper. Final search and consideration will be given after Applicant submits a Supplemental Oath/Declaration (such as PTO form 51S) to cover the claims as amended in this paper, as outlined in the enclosed Interview Summary.

Correspondence Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Benjamin Buss whose telephone number is 571-272-5831. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9AM-5PM.

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